

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 13 and 17-19 and ADD new claim 20 in accordance with the following:

1-12. (CANCELLED)

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

storing a plurality of elements forming tasks into a database subsequent to an electronic authorization or repudiation of said tasks, each of said plurality of elements including a user identifier requesting authorization and/or repudiation reasons;

retrieving repudiation reasons of elements stored from said database ~~for a task having that match~~ elements forming ~~the a~~ task to be electronically authorized and ~~for a user requesting~~ authorization of said task; and

displaying said retrieved repudiation reasons ~~for the task of~~ said elements stored and retrieved repudiation reasons for the user in association with said elements of the task to be electronically authorized, and

wherein of said elements forming the task to be electronically authorized, an element among said elements displayed is designated as a check point ~~is provided for review based on a~~ number of said retrieved repudiation reasons for the task and the user.

14-16. (CANCELLED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

associating elements forming completed tasks with a user requesting authorization or repudiation reasons with ~~respect to the completed tasks~~ matching elements of a task submitted for review; and

identifying an element ~~necessitating review as~~ a check point for review among elements of ~~a new electronically processed said task submitted~~ presented by the user for review in association with a previously repudiated element of said completed tasks, where said element identified as the check point matches a said previously repudiated element of the completed tasks corresponding to the user.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating electronically processed tasks, comprising:

receiving a first task having contents developed by a user;

comparing the contents of the first task with to determine matching contents of a second task previously developed by the user and reviewed by a reviewer; and

identifying an object among the contents of the first task in association with an object of said second task, and indicating said object of the first task as a check point to be reviewed by the reviewer when said comparing indicates that the object of the first task matches an object of the second task previously repudiated.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating electronically processed tasks, comprising:

determining whether elements of a task submitted match stored elements of previously reviewed tasks ~~associated with~~ of a user responsive to submission of the task for review by the user; and

reviewing only elements of the task submitted ~~matching that match~~ repudiated elements of the previously reviewed tasks of the user based on said determining.

20. (NEW) A method of electronically authorizing or repudiating an electronically processed task, comprising:

registering, when an object requesting authorization was authorized or repudiated, a result of authorization or repudiation, and an information code which specifies a repudiation reason if the repudiation was rendered, in a database as an authorization result;

retrieving the authorization result registered in the database for each object requesting authorization and for each person requesting authorization when a reference to the authorization result is requested;

referring, for each repudiation reason, to a table in which a name corresponding to each information code for specifying said each repudiating reason is set to thereby obtain the name while totalizing accumulated numbers of repudiation cases for each repudiating reason; and

displaying a screen having names of said each repudiating reason in association with the accumulated numbers of the repudiation cases.